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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"Are the Government aware that the present number of travelling bungalows is very inadequate in various parts of the Presidency ?"

The hon Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"No, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—"Will the hon. Member take into consideration the desirability of providing more bungalows in the Presidency ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"There appears to be a good deal of difference of opinion in the matter; if any particular locality is indicated where such a bungalow is wanted, the Government will consider the matter"

Tender for sheepskins and other articles required by the Government Press.

*217-A Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(a) to state whether it is a fact that the tender for sheepskins and other articles required by the Government Press is being given to one and the same person ; and

(b) to furnish the accepted tender rates for sheepskins of foolscap and royal size and other articles tendered for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 and their respective prices obtaining in the market during these years ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement showing the accepted tender rates for the years 1926–27, 1927–28 and 1928–29 is laid on the table. The Government have no information regarding the market rates for these articles.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether there were other tenders for sheepskins ?"

The hon. Khan B hadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Yes, Sir ; oth tenders were received."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"From whom ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I want notice of the question. Tenders were called for by publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the lowest tender was accepted."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—"With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know why should it be given to one and the same person ?"

The hon Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Because his was the lowest tender."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—"Were there tenders for all items ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I think so."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—"May we have facts ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have given the fact that the lowest tender was accepted."

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